

(b) He intextil Asia Fair, Tokyo, Japan.

(2) To organise a Buyer-Seller-Meet at New Delhi.

(3) To invite expert/technical delegation from abroad.

(4) To undertake export publicity in the leading foreign Newspapers/magazines.

(5) To promote the annual All India Carpet Trade Fair.

Take over of New Sick Textile Mills in Bihar

1717. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take over some new sick textile mills in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Takeover by the Government or nationalisation of sick mills does not provide solution to the problem of sickness and the Government would not as a rule, intervene in such cases.

Skirmishes on Indo-Pak Border

1718. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of DEFANCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of skirmishes which took

place on Indo-Pak border during the last three months;

(b) the extent of loss of life and property;

(c) whether the Government have lodged any protest in this regard with Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) While there have been no "skirmishes" along the Indo-Pak border during the last three months, intermittent exchange of fire along the line of Control is a recurring phenomenon. There were 331 firing incidents along the Line of Control and 10 incidents of firing between the Pak Rangers and the BSF in the Amritsar Sector of the International Border during this period.

(b) There has been no loss of property nor any civilian casualties during the exchange of fire. The Indian troops have suffered some casualties. It will not be desirable to disclose the details.

(c) to (e): The Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan, through Weekly telephonic contacts, have made efforts to de-escalate the situation along the Line of Control. Firing incidents along the International Border are taken up in Flag Meetings between the BSF and their Pak counterparts.

Bank Deposits and Investments in Hilly Areas of Uttar Pradesh

1719. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy followed by the nationalised banks and rural banks in regard to deposits and sanctioning of loans is uniform both for urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether 80 per cent of the total deposits in a branch of a bank has to be invested in the area in which it is situated;

(d) if so, whether this rule is being followed by the banks in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details in this regard in Pauri and Chamoli districts during each of the last two years;

(f) if not, whether the Government propose to issue any directives to the banks in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details therefore?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) to (g): The landing rates on advances are uniform for all the banks and are linked to the size of the loan. For better deposit mobilisation, Regional Rural Banks are allowed, as an incentive, to pay 1/2 per cent more interest on certain deposits. In terms of guidelines of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) each commercial bank is required to maintain a credit deposit ratio of 60% for their rural and semi-urban branches on all India basis and not on regional or State basis. As at the end of September 1991, the credit deposit ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks at rural and semi urban branches was 59.1% and 47.6% respectively in the country.

(e) The aggregate deposits and credit of the commercial banks in the Districts of Chamoli and Garhwal for the last two years ending September 1990 and September 1991 (latest available) are given below:

(Rs. in Crores)

As at the end of	Deposits	Credit	C:D Ratio
Chamoli			
September 1990	16.03	7.13	15.5
September 1991	16.75	8.76	15.4
Garhwal			
September 1990	137.14	22.50	16.4
September 1991	160.22	24.71	15.4

[English]

Declaration of Cuddalore Port as Major Port

1720. SHRIP.P.KALIAPERUMAL: Will

the Minister of SURFACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to declare Cuddalore Port in South Arcot district of Tamil Nadu as a major port;